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Falcon Heights streetscape plan enlivens Larpenteur

By David Anger

Plans are in full swing to enliven Larpenteur Avenue's streetscape in Falcon Heights with fresh landscaping and new signage, even though the arrival of construction crews on the busy thoroughfare is two years away.

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Ramsey County is set to overhaul Larpenteur from Highway 280 in the west to Dale Street in the east. The county's principal object is to improve the street, reported Ramsey County engineer Dan Soler. Falcon Heights also views the upheaval as a chance to enhance the city's main traffic artery.

"Larpenteur Avenue in Falcon Heights is one of the most unique and special streets in the Twin Cities, especially for a first-tier suburb," said land-scape architect Michael Schroeder, who presented his concept landscape plan to the city last May. "What makes it unique is the fact that Larpenteur encompasses three distinct districts: agriculture, residential and business."

Schroeder's plan presents
Falcon Heights with the opportunity to not only make necessary public safety, traffic and drainage improvements along Larpenteur, but also to use urban design techniques to enhance the community's identity and to improve the Snelling/Larpenteur business district.

By cultivating the existing landscape, Schroeder, of the Hoisington Koegler Group, envisions additional trees along the street that emphasize Falcon Heights' agrarian and horticultural roots.

For instance, he suggests com-

Key Elements of Design:

- Concrete construction
- Protected left-turn lanes
- Bike travel space on shoulders
- · Pedestrian pathways
- Elimination of drainage ditches
- New traffic signal at Gortner Avenue
- Possible underpass for pedestrians and golfers at U of M golf course near Coffman Street
- Streetlights at Prior and business district

plementing the existing oaks near the University of Minnesota golf course with younger oaks and flowering trees. Along the agricultural fields, the land itself is showcased as the principal statement, while the tree canopies in the residential districts will be strengthened by new plantings.

Proposed glass identification signs at the gateways to the city as well as at the Snelling and Larpenteur business district reflect the history of nurseries along the avenue. Then, too, Schroeder calls for creative signage and identification at Larpenteur's State Fair gate, where thousands of vehicles enter the grounds during the annual event.

"This is one of the main entries into the Fair," commented Schroeder, "but it's not celebrated." His plan calls for creating a structure and signage that play upon the Fair's architectural heritage.

Walkers and bicyclists will also benefit from the Larpenteur redesign. A six-foot bike lane is set to run throughout the avenue. In addition, pathways will be built on at least one side of Larpenteur.

At the Snelling and Larpenteur business hub, Schroeder hopes to create a more pedestrianfriendly and recognizable intersection.

"We want to provide a sense of unity at Larpenteur and Snelling," said Susan Hoyt, Falcon Heights' city administrator. "As it stands, it's not not identifiable as a shopping hub."

Schroeder proposes additional improvements at Snelling and Larpenteur, such as burying the wires and hanging new signage. The landscape architect also thinks that planting locust trees will beautify the business district without obstructing views of businesses from passing motorists.

On July 26 the city council plans to discuss Schroeder's concept plan, taking into consideration the concerns and ideas of residents. Issues of cost and scheduling will also be addressed.

In addition to Falcon Heights, the project involves Lauderdale, Roseville and St. Paul. While construction is expected to run from 1997 to 1998, the overhaul will not disrupt the entire street over a two-year period.

Financing is expected to be drawn from a combination of federal funding, county state aid funds, city assessments, capital funds and any grants available to Falcon Heights.



Photo by Truman Olson Lynn McLean, director of the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program, believes community support is crucial to the unique program's success.

New block nurse director committed to caring

By Michelle Christianson

Two years ago, Linda Morlock, the primary nurse for the Block Nurse Program, decided it was too much for one person to be both program director and primary nurse. After the board of directors was restructured, the search for a new program coordinator began and Lynn McLean was hired to begin her new position in December of 1994.

The job description for the Block Nurse Program coordinator encompasses a broad spectrum of responsibilities. McLean staffs the office, works with the consulting organization for the program to secure funding, and with the other Block Nurse programs to compare and share

ideas

She also arranges the contract with the Metropolitan Visiting Nurses Association to achieve smoother working procedures and works with Morlock, volunteer coordinator Judy Probst and administrative assistant Mary Schmidt to facilitate client services and increase awareness of the program in the community. In addition, McLean works with the board committees on many projects.

McLean has experience juggling many different activities at once, as she has six children. She grew up in the Drexel Hill area of Philadelphia and graduated from Millersville State College with a bachelor's degree in library education. She was the

librarian at the lab school at Teachers College of Columbia University when she met her husband Gary.

Midway through her childrearing years, McLean decided to go to the seminary and completed her training at United Theological Seminary in New Brighton in 1984. She heard about the Block Nurse Program while working with former program director Beth Spottiswoode at a hospice and also decided to apply for the position because of a long association with Jo Anne Rohricht, a founder of the organization.

Because the program does not have the funds to have a full-

Block Nurse to 7

Illustration by Warren Hanson

St. Anthony Park's Fourth of July celebration

By Kristin Cooper

It's time to hose down the bicycles, dust off the wagons and get out the crepe paper. The St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration is just around the corner.

As always, this year's celebration will have something for everyone, from kids' races to volleyball during the day, and from chicken dinners to a disk jockey playing music in the evening.

"It's a wonderful time for families to do things together," said Joan Dow Styve, a member of the St. Anthony Park Association and chair of the celebration.

Styve said she has been very successful in getting volunteers of all ages to help organize and publicize the events—everyone from kids to grandparents got together to stuff envelopes for the chicken dinner.

The St. Anthony Park Association has sponsored the event since 1947. Many of the events at the celebration are honored traditions, although some have changed.

Instead of featuring a live band in the evening following the oompah band, Styve said the organizers decided to go with a DJ to free up some of the tight budget for extras at other times in the day. For instance, horses

will march in this year's parade.

Styve said the decision to use a DJ also gives the organizers a bit of a financial cushion in case of rain. She said the DJ will come with thousands of compact discs and tapes and will be open for requests. The DJ has also been informed of the type of music played in the past.

The parade will be much as it has been in the past. Styve said she would like to encourage more family or neighborhood units in the parade. She said past units have included lawn chair and lawn mower

Fourth of July to 7

St. Anthony Park Community Council

News

Council actions at a glance

At its June 1 meeting, the Council:

- · Heard a report about the University of Minnesota exploring how to address parking needs. The Council is sending a representative to the planning meetings to provide neighborhood representation and perspective on parking and traffic issues.
- · Voted a position of non-support for a proposed change in state legislation to address the crime of criminal damage to property (graffiti vandalism). The specific proposal had provisions that raised constitutional questions. The council recognizes the need to address the issue, but felt that the particular proposal was not a good means to that end.
- Heard discussion from neighbors about the T.H. 280 noise wall. The contract has been let; the construction is expected to begin the early part of July. The Council is on record as supporting the project.
- · Heard a report of the success of the Community Council retreat, held in May at Wilder Forest. Plans are under way for an event in early 1996 to celebrate 20 years of citizen participation through Community Councils in St. Paul.

National Night Out Against Crime is Tuesday, August 1

The St. Anthony Park Community Council and the St. Anthony Park Association are encouraging residents of our area to lock their doors, turn on their lights and spend the evening getting to know their neighbors better. Block parties and other festivities will help residents build on a base of mutual support that is very helpful in crime prevention.

Last year there were 13 block parties. Police and firefighters visited many of them and let the children get a feel for some of their equipment. The kids loved being squirted by a fire hose and using the siren on the police cars. This is a good chance to build a positive working relationship between the neighborhood and the authorities, as well as to have a good party.

Event kits, some refreshments and further information are available by calling the Community Council office, 292-7884.

Coming Events

Community Garage Sale — September 16 Neighborhood Cleanup — September 23 Food Pickup with Recycling - October 25 Turn Off the Violence — October 26

Council tours of local businesses

Members of the Environment and Physical Planning Committees of the Community Council tour local manufacturers to learn more about the economic and environmental health of our community. On June 15, a group toured Impressions Inc., a printing company at 1050 Westgate Drive. The tour, given by Steve Holupchinski, was very informative. We were impressed with the cleanliness and efficiency of the operation. The group was also favorably impressed with the environmental consciousness of the business. This business has grown over the last few years and provides over 160 jobs.

The council works to make connections with local businesses. We often have positive working relationships already established when questions arise about business expansion, or about environmental issues. This is an ongoing, proactive effort of the Community Council to provide a positive link between the residents and businesses of St. Anthony Park.

> Council-sponsored meetings are listed each month in the Bugle Community Calendar (see page 13). Everyone is welcome!

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Archeological dig strives to uncover location of Gibbs' 1849 sod hut

By Natalie Zett

A major piece of St. Paul history is preserved-and will soon expand-at the Gibbs Farm Museum, a living-history museum operated by the Ramsey County Historical Society.

From 1849 until the 1940s, the Gibbs Farm also was the home of Jane and Heman Gibbs and their children. This summer, Gibbs Farm is the site of an archeological dig.

"The Gibbs' family records show that between 1849 and 1854 Jane and Heman lived in a sod hut," said Priscilla Farnham, executive director of the Ramsey County Historical Society. "Their daughter, Lilly, a portrait artist, made sketches of this house based on her mother's descriptions." To verify these memories, the Ramsey County Historical Society has contracted with the Wilford Archeological Laboratories at University of Minnesota to research and report their findings.

The Gibbs family story begins with Jane DeBow, who was born and lived outside of Batavia, New York, in 1828. As a child, Jane and her siblings boarded with various neighbors and family friends while their father cared for their ailing mother. Jane, not understanding why she had to live with strangers, often tried to return to her family's home-much to the consternation of the family with whom she lived. At that time, traveling missionaries, the Rev.

and Mrs. Stevens, who had recently lost a child, took a liking to Jane. They invited her to accompany them to Minnesota. Jane readily agreed, as did her host family.

In 1833, 5-year-old Jane and her "foster" family moved to Fort Snelling. There, the Rev. Stevens headed a mission to the Dakota people with whom Jane grew up and formed a lifelong bond. As one of the few who was fluent in the Dakota language, Jane often acted as interpreter at council meetings. Her Dakota friends called her "Little-Bird-that-was-Caught," referring to her being purloined from her biological family. (Although Jane was eventually reunited with some siblings, she never saw her parents again.)

At age 18, Jane moved to Illinois where she met and married Heman Gibbs, a schoolteacher several years her senior. She convinced him to move to Minnesota, near the area where she grew up. They settled on the land that is currently the Gibbs

During the year that Minnesota became a territory, in 1849, the Gibbs built their first dwelling: a sod house. Although the sod house (which was made of sod and wood) was meant to be a temporary residence, it would be five years before they replaced it with a permanent structure. Jane also reestablished her relationships with her Dakota friends, who also gave her new husband a name"Prairie-on-top-of-head"—noting his receding hairline.

From its inception, the Gibbs Farm underwent several changes. Since the land was on the Oxcart Trail, it initially served as a stopping-off point for fur traders on their way up the Red River to Canada. Later, the family raised wheat and animals. By 1900, they started a vegetable farm, a precursor of the Farmer's Market in downtown St. Paul.

In 1949, a few years after its last resident, Abbie Gibbs, (Jane and Heman's daughter) died, the Gibbs Farm became the first site of the newly established Ramsey County Historical Society. The society originated in St. Anthony Park where concerned citizens, who met at the library, took it upon themselves to create the society and save the Gibbs Farm. It opened as a museum in 1954.

Interpretation at the museum begins at 1900. The archeological dig and its subsequent findings will take us back to 1849, when the sod hut was built. The initial research will determine the composition of the soil around the site of the sod house. If the core of the soil differs from the surrounding earth, this will indicate that Lilly's drawings and speculation about the location are probably accu-

The next step entails laying out a grid of the sod house's location. Then, the rest of the digging begins. The excavators will use trowels to carefully gather the dirt, inch-by-inch. That way, they can gather soil samples and screen for artifacts with little disturbance to the ground. In addition, the researchers will photograph the area, evaluate soil samples and ascertain the number of layers to excavate. From those findings, they can determine how to reconstruct the sod house, which the museum hopes to eventually include in the educational tour.

"It's important that people understand that Jane and Heman were real people," said Karen Bluhm, great-granddaughter of Jane and Heman. "People to whom they can relate."

Located at Larpenteur and Cleveland in Falcon Heights, the Gibbs Farm Museum number is 646-8629.

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People

St. Anthony Park resident Larry Ripp's scripts called "Skywatch" and "Fishstones" were finalists in the play competition leading up to the 1996 Rochester Playwright Festival.

Donnell Hofeld and Patty Hughes, ages 16 and 17, were selected as Youth-Volunteers-ofthe-Month by St. Paul Parks and Recreation for their work as junior docents at the Como Zoo.

Gail Brinkmeier, daughter of Oria and Myrna Brinkmeier of St. Anthony Park, received a bachelor of arts degree from Smith College, Northampton, Mass., on May 21. A 1991 graduate of Como Park High School, Brinkmeier majored in geology at Smith.

Naomi R. Uri, M.D., has joined the Department of Internal Medicine and is practicing at the Group Health Como Medical Center in St. Paul. Prior to joining Group Health, she practiced at the Veterans Administration Hospital in St. Paul.

Michelle Wirth was selected as a 1995 National Merit Scholar. Wirth, a senior at Mounds Park Academy in St. Paul, will receive a \$2,000 scholarship to attend Swarthmore College in Swarthmore, Penn., next fall. Wirth also placed third in Le Grand Concours, a national French contest. She is the daughter of John Wirth of St. Anthony Park.

At the Minnesota State French Speech Contest at Mankato State University, sophomore Chas Beck received an excellent rating in advanced drama. Beck of St. Anthony Park attends Mounds Park Academy.

Sholom Home East resident Helen Goldstein recently turned 100 years old.

Jennifer Deeb of St. Paul graduated from Bemidji State University's Honors Program this spring.

St. Anthony Park resident Jennifer Prifrel graduated from Penn State University, where she majored in elementary education and was a dean's list student.

Kerstin Beyer received a \$1,000 scholarship awarded by the St. Paul Federation of Teachers Scholarship Trust. Kerstin is going to Vassar College in New York and is the daughter of Bill and Margareta Beyer of St. Anthony Park.

Mary Lue Oseby has joined the Hermes Floral Company Wholesale Supply Department as the new sales manager. Oseby resides in Minneapolis and has two daughters, Stephanie who lives in Columbia Heights and Melissa who resides in Denver.

Daniel Morlock of St. Anthony Park will be traveling to Europe as a member of the Bemidji Choir from Bemidji State University to perform in a series of concerts on Eurotour '95. Morlock, a sophomore music major, is a tenor in the choir.

Central High graduate Victor Hanson has been selected to receive a music performance scholarship from Concordia College in Moorhead. He is the son of Vladimir Stanich and Ev Hanson, St. Paul.

Joshua Becerra, son of Marilyn Hoegemeyer of St. Anthony Park, received a bachelor of arts degree at the College of Liberal Arts commencement ceremony at Hamline University on May 20. Becerra majored in Latin American Studies and Spanish.

Charlotte Hansen and Karl Olson of St. Anthony Park are featured in this summer's SteppingStone Theatre For Youth Development production, "Three Billy Goats Gruff," running Sun., July 9 through Fri., July 21.

Christina Soderstrom, daughter of Ric and Shirley Soderstrom of St. Anthony Park, has been awarded the prestigious Presidential Scholarship at the University of Minnesota-Twin Cities for 1995-96. Soderstrom, a 1995 graduate of Roseville Area High School, will be a freshman this fall, majoring in French.

Jacob Flaherty and Sara Nelson received music honors scholarships from the Buchanan-Larsen Endowment. They were recognized for outstanding music achievement in the daily choir school and worship services at the Church of the Holy Childhood in Como Park. Jacob is the son of Lynn and Daniel Flaherty and Sara is the daughter of Rosalie and Norman Nelson.

Joanne Eicher, professor of design, housing and apparel at the University of Minnesota, was awarded a Regents' Professorship by the university's board of regents.

Nominated by their fellow faculty members, Regents' Professors receive an annual \$10,000 stipend.

Eicher has drawn on the fields of sociology, anthropology, art history and textile and apparel design to establish African dress and textile studies as a field of scholarship. She has co-written several books, including "Dress and Gender" and "Dress, Adornment and Social Order," which are regarded as classics in their field.

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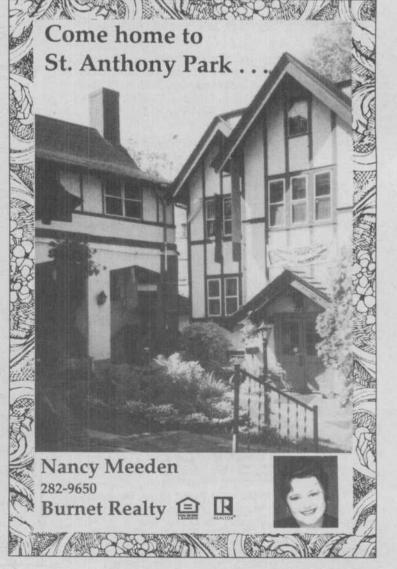
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Editorial

O Pioneers

Our feature story by Natalie Zett about the archeological investigation at the Gibbs Farm Museum takes us back 146 years to 1849, when James Polk was president and Minnesota's statehood was nine years ahead. Thanks to the efforts of the Ramsey County Historical Society and the University of Minnesota, we are on the brink of uncovering more history about the Gibbs family, a truly fascinating and varied bunch.

The dig reveals that self-reliance and cultural diversity are not just New Age slogans but time-honored American traditions. It is indeed strange to think that Larpenteur Avenue barely registered a blip on the map, marked by nothing but a humble dirt-trodden path. So, too, it is odd to envision our busy thoroughfare without the constant hum of traffic gushing forth day and night.

If they were alive today, Jane and Heman Gibbswho cultivated the 160 acres that is known today as the Gibbs Farm Museum-could enchant us with halcyon tales of yesteryear. They would say that the property was crossed by a Native American trail, championed by the Dakota people, which extended from Lake Harriet to White Bear Lake. Jane Gibbs understood the Dakota and their language, having known the people during her childhood years near

The Gibbs and the Dakota not only tolerated each other, they enjoyed each other. En route to the northland, the Dakota frequently stopped by the Gibbs' homestead. During the month that we celebrate our Independence Day, the dig reasserts a timeless value: Learning to live together-regardless of our vast cultural differences-is an essential ingredient of the American character.

In the same era, such great figures as Ralph Waldo Emerson and Henry Thoreau preached transcendental simplicity back East. The Gibbs family, struggling for survival on the rough-hewn hinterlands of Minnesota's virgin prairie, embraced this doctrine. They lived simply, in a sod hut that they built with their own hands. The family also embodied the very principles of selfreliance that Emerson so admired. "I like people who can do things," said Emerson. For the Gibbs' part, they did things.

The Ramsey County Historical Society also does things, without the benefit of a big building and a bulging bank account. As an institution it reminds us that the cultural corridor exists beyond the confines of an edifice in downtown St. Paul. History and culture thrive right here in our neighborhood. Best of all, the dig at the Gibbs Farm Museum tells us who we are, where we have been and where we are going.

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Letters

St. Anthony Park Arts Festival: A fun time for all

Dear editor,

On behalf of the members of the St. Anthony Park Business Association, I want to thank everyone in the community who attended this year's St. Anthony Park Arts Festival on June 3. The event was a great success and we hope the community enjoyed it.

The Business Association has held the Festival in conjunction with the Library Association's Art Fair for more than 20 years now, making it one of the great traditions of St. Anthony Park. The Association provides free entertainment, including pony rides, the petting zoo, music and dancers. as a "thanks" to our neighbors in the Park.

The Festival also provides area businesses an opportunity to showcase St. Anthony Park to people from throughout the Twin Cities and beyond. This year the Business Association conducted a small survey of people at the Festival and found that about two-thirds of the people in attendance were from outside the immediate neighborhood. In fact, there was at least one family that came to the Festival from Albert Lea after reading about it in the Minnesota Explorer magazine put out by the

state tourism office!

Wherever Festival attendees come from, however, we hope they enjoy the fun, food and entertainment provided at this annual event. We thank St. Anthony Park for supporting this fine tradition and look forward to seeing everyone at next year's Festival!

Ellen Watters, executive director, St. Anthony Park Business Association

Cleanup day daily activity

Dear editor,

What do old veterans do on Memorial Day? One such person spent three hours early morning on Memorial Day driving the streets of St. Anthony Park picking up litter and trash, removing old posted signs and cleaning graffiti. It resulted in a large box of refuse. It is on ongoing

A recent newspaper article described taking back your community. The gist of the article was that to maintain a desirable place to live the residents have to contribute time and effort. Think of the improvement to St. Anthony Park if its residents each took pride in living here. Cleanup day once a year begs the situation. It should be a daily occur-

Fred Steinhauser, St. Anthony Park

Hail and farewell: Jo Anne Rohricht

Dear editor,

Jo Anne Rohricht is leaving the St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors. She has been a strong advocate and tireless worker for the program and its ideals for more than 13 years.

She was involved in the arduous task of founding the program. She also initiated the extension of the program to include volunteers and the Home Health Aide/Homemakers, of which I am one.

The fruits of Jo Anne's labors are many more than she can realize. I have experienced many expressions of gratitude and wish to share these with her and our wider community.

May the success of the program continue to be a source of satisfaction to her and of value to the neighborhood. I believe the community owes Jo Anne a debt of gratitude. So, I say thank you, Jo Anne, for myself and the many whom your contributions have touched.

Meg Schaefer, St. Anthony Park

The Bugle is us

Dear editor,

As a Bugle board member finishing a 6-year

term, I am compelled to respond to Jan Meyer's letter about South St. Anthony Park. In the first paragraph of the letter, she says " ... maybe just the Bugle is biased against South St. Anthony Park." Well we could debate forever fair coverage, which issues or stories should run, but that misses the point.

The Bugle is us, not a nameless, faceless-publication owned by some corporate conglomerate somewhere. Meyer's neighbors do the hiring, firing, debate editorial questions, fairness questions, determine policy for the organization and the paper. I might also add there is always more than a little debate about fair representation from all neighborhoods served by the Bugle, especially in the makeup of the board and the editorial questions that arise.

So, if there is a problem, whether perceived or real, let's discuss the issues as neighbors and I think the solution for anyone disappointed in the paper or the neighborhoods is to get involved and work on the issues as neighbors.

To tag any neighborhood deemed second class by the Bugle means your neighbors are deeming neighborhoods second class, and as a longterm board member, that is not true.

Dale Tennison, St. Anthony Park

Change of editorial guard at Bugle: Welcome the new and salute the old on July 12

Bugle area residents and businesspeople are invited to greet our new editor and salute the outgoing editor at an informal reception set for 5 to 6 p.m. on Wed., July 12 at Taste of Scandinavia in Milton Square, Como at Carter Avenues. The Bugle's board of directors will host the reception. Treats will be served.

This month David Anger assumed the post of editor, a job previously held for a year and a half by Julie Lehr. Lehr left the Bugle to pursue a full-time job as communications specialist for the city of Woodbury.

During Lehr's tenure, the Bugle tackled many interesting stories, such as the request for a liquor license in Milton

Square, the dismissal of Lauderdale's city administrator, the opening of a movie/production studio in Como Park and the St. Anthony Police Department's initial contract with the city of Falcon Heights. Lehr guided the produc-



Photo by Truman Olson **David Anger**

tion of a special Bugle 20-year anniversary section last July, and in April of this year, volunteer month, she initiated a feature highlighting several neighborhood volun-

Under her leadership the paper garnered 16 awards from the Neighborhood and Community Press Association's Better Newspaper Contest for 1994.

Lehr will be missed.

After a long search, the Bugle's board hired David Anger to fill Lehr's shoes. He brings to the job over eight years of community journalism experience. His first writing assignment came from the Whittier

Globe in south Minneapolis. For four years he worked at Equal Time newspaper in various editorial roles, including those of staff writer, arts editor and associate editor.

In addition to his Bugle responsibilities, Anger's byline pops up in several Twin Cities publications. His articles about architecture and design regularly appear in Architecture Minnesota, the Southwest Journal and Minneapolis/St.Paul.

A resident of the Fair Oaks neighborhood in south Minneapolis, Anger is enjoying his frequent commute to St. Anthony Park. "I have long admired the communities that the Bugle serves," said Anger. "There is a sense of history and pride here that isn't found in many places."

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Commentary

The Devil's Almanac

f you haven't yet read "The Devil's Almanac," don't rush right out to buy it. No bookstore seems to carry it. It is the very obverse of books like "A Brief History of Time" or "Godel, Escher and Bach"—books that everybody owned but nobody seemed to have actually read. This is instead a book that everybody claims to have read, but nobody seems to own a copy.

It has alarmed the pundits and aroused politicians. The New York Times Book Review has panned it in three separate articles, and a freshman senator from a southern state is calling for an investigation. Everyone from Pat Robertson to Hillary Clinton has attacked it. It's little wonder: Everybody hates the devil, and talking heads live by offering courageous sound-bites condemning unpopular scoundrels.

The book, ostensibly written by the Prince of Darkness himself, is essentially a sort of cranky "book of days." It is published by Perversity Press (a vanity press, naturally). The 365 little observations, proverbs and aphorisms are relatively innocuous fare, compared with rap lyrics and brat-pack novels, but their provenance is apparently pretty unnerving to many people. The juxtaposition of dates with content seems intended to provoke; for example, this entry for February 14:

The only thing in American society more grotesquely overrated than computers is sex. Sex is not the highest expression of love. It's the highest expression of self-indulgence. Abstaining from sex is the highest expression of love.

The saying for November 6 is:

Politicians are not the problem—voters are. Americans have precisely the government they deserve.

I was able to obtain a copy of the book through my own channels and concluded that it might be interesting to share a number of passages in this review. Since I have long had a casual acquaintance with the author, I was able to make a deal with him for permission to use the passages I needed. As you will see, it's not always clear whether the epigrams are cynical, facetious, or devious. Some may be all three. Or they may all be the plain truth.

The author is equally facile in all these modes. We seem to be abandoned to sort it out for ourselves. Such is the style of their author (a really fascinating individual, I assure you). At any rate, I offer the following entries for your information, without further comment.

The advent of the printing press was not accompanied by torrents of hyperbole about the "print explosion," new paradigms, and post-medievalism. Besides, the printing press actually worked.

People need to learn to keep their anger bottled up inside—it's healthier for everyone.



Gregg Richardson

Honest communication is destructive; the facade of civility is what keeps society functioning.

Children should be spanked frequently, for one reason: Nobody acquires responsibility without motivation.

Cleanliness is, too, next to godliness.

Buying "environmentally friendly" consumer products is fraudulent environmentalism. If you want to do the environment a favor, learn the difference between "I want" and "I need."

There are good ideas and half-baked ideas. You can tell them apart. There is no compelling reason to respect half-baked ideas.



Illustration by Warren Hanson

Fashion models are not beautiful. They're smooth. Old people are beautiful.

Computers are a means of doing simple things more slowly and with greater difficulty, while using more paper. Their primary purpose is to distract an entire society from real work.

Most people don't realize this, but you can make New Age music on an electronic keyboard with one finger. It takes two fingers just to play chopsticks on a real piano.

Angels are make-believe. Crystals are just rocks.

If you haven't figured out who you are by the time you're 40, then you're probably not anybody. But you still have time to do something useful.

Housework is the most meaningful and personally fulfilling work you will ever do. It's the only work in your life over which you have any real control or in which you have a personal stake. Do it well. Housework is not women's work, it's grownup work.

The Internet will revolutionize society as dramatically as did the CB radio. Ten-four, good buddy.

There is a political philosophy that advocates spending \$300 billion a year on a military that could destroy the world nine times over, to defend against an adversary who no longer exists, while claiming that a program of poor relief less than one-tenth that size is bankrupting the country; that insists on cutting down the last remaining old growth forests in the United States in order to preserve jobs that will disappear the moment the forests are gone; that speaks loudly of patriotism and democracy while stripping democratically elected government of its authority and turning power over to transnational corporations. Only Americans could be persuaded that this is somehow conservative.

Men and women don't communicate differently—they just use different excuses for communicating poorly.

Guilt is good for you. It's a sign that you still have that rapidly vanishing gift—a conscience. It may be the only thing that keeps you from being a world-class jackass. There is an entire industry of self-help books and therapists coaxing you to do dangerous, deluded things like trying to eliminate your own guilt. The secret is that there's only one way to eliminate guilt, and that's to ask for and receive forgiveness.

There is nothing inherently literate about reading. Any 6-year-old can do it. Reading from the New York Times bestseller list will make you no more literate than watching television.

There is no information explosion. There is no more information now than there ever has been. There is a trivia glut. In a society that has lost all self-control, the "information explosion" is nothing more than stream-of-consciousness babble converted to text and hawked as a commodity.

The human brain evolved in the Rift Valley of Africa in order to gather fruits, scavenge carrion and evade large predators. The American Constitution was written in a smoke-filled room in order to unite and govern a motley collection of sparsely populated, pre-industrial British colonies. It is astonishing to observe that either of them even function in their present settings, and naive foolishness to expect them to do better.

Well, this is probably enough to keep you up late tonight. If you are interested, I could send you the e-mail address of the author. I am sure you will agree, it is a hell of a book.



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By Tony Grundhauser

When it comes to household pets, Fido and Fifi have such nice reputations. Our best friend. Eager-to-please hunting pals with wagging tongues. A dinner date for Miss Lonely-hearts. These are the conventional images of America's so-called favorite pets.

Mention snakes, and the image changes. Eve's tempter. Cleopatra's murderer. The slithering hair of Medusa. What about iguanas? Parched deserts. Mexican prisons.

Bruce Delles, co-owner of Twin Cities Reptiles and Vivarium Pets, located at 2363 University Avenue W. in South St. Anthony Park, isn't the type of be intimidated by legacy and myth. Snakes and reptiles, he believes, are not the evil messengers that history has made them out to be.

In fact, he said, they make quite nice pets.

"Reptiles in general are great pets for people with active lifestyles," said Delles. "You don't have to be home at 5 to feed them and they're inexpensive and easy to maintain," he added, while coddling a 10-foot Malayan blood python around his neck.

We feel vital oxygen slowly being squeezed out of his body. Catching his breath and remembering the community he represents, we asked, "Aren't there any risks in owning a reptile?"

Delles composes himself. It's a question he's heard many times from the uneducated public.

"The answer is yes," said Delles. "I'd be lying if I said anything else. But, there's no greater risk in owning a snake, for instance, than owning a dog or cat or large bird. Does it bite?



Photo by Truman Olson
Bruce Delles co-owns Twin
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Yes it can. This blood python may be able to take off the tip of a finger, but a large dog can do much worse damage. Like any other animal, a snake will only bite as a defense."

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Entertainment by the Stomp N Dixie Band, a group that performs razzmatazz jazz, is certain to be a highlight. In addition, organizers hope to further enliven the Ice Cream Social with jugglers and clowns.

Best of all, the Ice Cream Social is true to its old-fashioned roots, featuring 25 cent prices for ice cream, cake and beverages. Food and beverage tickets

are sold at the event.

"The social takes place rain or shine," said Carol Kriegler, Falcon Heights park and recreation director. "We just move inside the park building if the weather's bad."

For more information, call the Falcon Heights City Hall at 644-5050.

Block Nurse from 1

time person in her position, McLean shares some responsibilities for the program with the board chair and other board members. She believes her first priority is to get the staffing in place (they are looking for a part-time nurse to share Morlock's position) and to get all procedures in place. She really likes the job because of the "wonderful people" she works with, both the volunteers and the professionals.

McLean thinks that people in the community need to share her sense of urgency about the the program will stay viable without major actions and support from the community," she said. "Because of the impending shifts in the health-care system, people need to support health care reform, respond to fundraising, volunteer and serve on

program. "It's not a given that

For her part, Morlock "can't say enough good about Lynn McLean. She's wonderful, incredible, a great addition to the program."

the board. We need to realize

that this is the future for all of

the Block Nurse Program."

us and it will be a good one with

Fourth of July from 1

brigades.

The parade kicks off the celebration at Luther Place by the Lutheran church with a line up at 11 a.m. The parade then will make its way to Langford Park beginning at 11:30 a.m.

Styve recommends that people who want to participate in the events register early. She said those interested in marching or riding in the parade should call Mike or Beth Peterson at 646-3247. Interested volunteers are encouraged to call Joan Dow Styve at 297-3664 or 644-8642.

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11:30 a.m.

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Falcon Heights Block Club organizer extraordinaire: Judy Bruegl-Sabean

By David Anger

Community organizer extraordinaire Judy Bruegl-Sabean is credited with organizing a block club on every street in Falcon Heights, which holds the distinction of being the only city in the state with 100 percent participation in the grass-roots crime-prevention program.

"It takes both the police and the community to combat crime," explained Bruegl-Sabean. "The police cannot be everywhere at once. The community can serve as the eyes and ears for the police."

Chief Dick Engstrom of the St. Anthony Police Department affirms Bruegl-Sabean's statement that block clubs are effective, while commending her efforts. "Judy has really made a difference in Falcon Heights," said Engstrom. "We've been at it for years in St. Anthony and never gotten 100 percent participation."

Bruegl-Sabean's story begins five years ago, when she gave birth to her son Troy. "I wanted to create a safe place for him to grow up," she reported.

With the encouragement of Roseville police officer Jerry Ruettimann and neighbor Nancy Wickham, she embarked on the arduous task of canvassing virtually every home in Falcon Heights, walking the sprawling territory from Hamline to



Photo by Truman Olson

Falcon Heights crime-fighter Judy Bruegl-Sabean promotes block clubs with her 5-year-old son Troy and her day-care kids.

University Grove, and from Roselawn to Hoyt.

Since Bruegl-Sabean makes her living as a day-care provider, the kids accompanied her too. "Whenever the weather was nice, I packed the kids up in the wagon and we walked door-to-door," she recalled. "Now they ask, 'Are we going volunteering today?"

The children might be Bruegl-Sabean's secret weapon. After all, what self-respecting citizen would slam a door on a pack of adorable toddlers? Then, too, a fit 34-year-old woman with blond hair and a broad smile is the perfect crime-fighting ambassador.

For her part, Bruegl-Sabean believes that one-to-one conversations and tasty baked goods are essential ingredients to her success. "I realize that it might sound too easy," she said, "but personal contact is key. People are much more apt to be receptive to the idea of forming a block club if they're approached at their front door by a neighbor rather than receiving an anonymous flier advertising about a meeting."

After recruiting a person to rally a particular block, Bruegl-Sabean helps block clubs organize a gathering, typically a relaxed outdoor festivity with refreshments and goodies, of



Neighborhoods prepare for National Night Out

Crime-fighting advocates are encouraging residents to lock their doors, turn on their outside lights and spend Tues., Aug. 1 outside with their neighbors for the 12th annual National Night Out.

Como Park

A community-wide block party is in the works for National Night Out. As part of the fun, District 10 hopes to hold a Children's Parade. To help organize this family-oriented event, volunteers are needed. Please call Julie Hoff at 644-3889.

St. Anthony Park

Aiming for greater neighborhood participation, St. Anthony Park organizers are busy recruiting block workers for National Night Out. "I hope a lot of people get involved this year," said Katie Utke, St. Anthony Park crime prevention coordinator. Last year over 300 people from 17 blocks in St. Anthony Park participated, she reported. To become involved please call Utke at 292-7884.

Falcon Heights

Falcon Heights Elementary School at 1393 Garden Avenue is the community's gathering spot for National Night Out. "There will be plenty of fun for kids and adults," said Judy Bruegl-Sabean. In addition to visits from members of the police and fire department, balloons and treats will be distributed to young and old. For further information call Bruegl-Sabean at 647-1290.

Lauderdale

In 1994 few Lauderdale residents participated in National Night Out, but the St. Anthony Police Department hopes to increase involvement this year. "It's a great time to go outside and get together with friends," said Dick Engstrom, St. Anthony police chief. To become involved, call Officer Mark Labens at 789-5015.

course. "I always volunteer to bring baked goods over because people really like them," Bruegl-Sabean reported.

Before buying a home in Falcon Heights, she lived in Boston and Seattle. When she was self-diagnosed with an intense case of homesickness, Bruegl-Sabean came to the Twin Cities to be closer to her parents, who reside in Wisconsin.

Having studied law enforcement during college, Bruegl-Sabean possesses a long-standing interest in police work. She subscribes to the preventivemedicine approach toward combating crime.

"I feel you have to organize before something bad happens," explained Bruegl-Sabean.

Not only does Bruegl-Sabean believe that block clubs effectively prevent crime, she also thinks they encourage a closer relationship between the residents and the police.

"Block clubs bring people

together," she remarked. "They let people know that the police are human and approachable and they give the police the opportunity to get to know the

In addition to organizing Falcon Heights' block clubs, Bruegl-Sabean coordinates the city's McGruff House program, which designates safe households where children can go to when they feel threatened. She

people they serve."

has identified 10 such residences in Falcon Heights as of this writing.

To sustain community involvement in the block club program, Bruegl-Sabean recommends that each street hold two meetings a

When asked if there are any obstacles to organizing a block club, Bruegl-Sabean could only think of one-mosquitoes.

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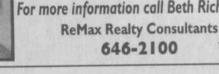




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St. Anthony Park

Kid Vendors' Day July 20 at Langford

Be sure to mark Thurs., July 20 on your calendar. Langford Park will hold its second annual Kid Vendors' Day from 1 to 3 p.m. Children of all ages will set up tables in the park, selling craft items, toys, cold drinks, snacks, etc. This event will be held indoors at

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the recreation center building in case of rain. Tables may be reserved by calling 298-5765 by July 12, or call for more informa-

Boy's bike found

A St. Anthony Park resident is looking for the owner of a boy's three-speed Schwinn "Speedster" bicycle. For more information call Erik Schoen at 646-3869.

Linnea Home hosts ice cream social

Twin City Linnea Home Auxiliary invites the community to its annual ice cream social fundraiser on Sun., July 23, from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m., at 2040 Como Avenue. A white elephant sale and bake sale are added attractions to the summer event. Proceeds enhance residents' lives.

SUMMER CLEAN-UP?

Adults \$1.50 and children 75 cents. For more information call 646-2544.

Langford/South St. Anthony Rec Centers' activities

Registration for Langford Park/South St. Anthony fall soccer will be held July 17-August 4 at Langford Park. Boys and girls, ages 5-14, are eligible to participate in the fall soccer program.

Upcoming field trips sponsored by Langford and South St. Anthony include Chutes and Ladders at Hyland Park Reserve on July 7, Bunker Hills Wave Pool on July 14 and Wild Mountain Water Slides on Aug. 4.

For information about these events, please call 298-5765.

Reminder: South St. Anthony will close July 31-Sept. 1.

ParkBank helps "name the animals"

On June 4 St. Anthony Park-Bank President Rick Beeson presented handcrafted and coin-stuffed piggy banks to the young winner of the "Name the Animals" contest at the Gibbs Farm Museum.

ParkBank and Gibbs Farm sponsored the contest, which asked children to come up with appropriate names for a new baby pig and new baby lamb at the farm. Hundreds of children suggested names for the animals and a panel of judges selected the winner.

Beeson presented the one-of-akind banks to Emily Dowd, whose winning entries were "Daffodil" and "Clover." Park-Bank commissioned the ceramic banks from Michael Huyck, an artist at the Northern Clay Center. The banks were then filled with coins.

Noise wall construction starts July 10

Construction of noise walls along Highway 280 from Territorial Road to Como Avenue is expected to begin on July 10. No rush-hour traffic delays are anticipated. In addition to daytime construction, night-time crews will be working from 7 p.m. to 6 a.m. Throughout the project, work-zone speed limits are set and enforced. Traffic lines double in construction areas. The northbound entrance at Kasota and 280 may be closed during the evening.

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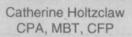
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July 30: Bread and Butter Day

Gibbs Farm Museum is located at the corner of Larpenteur and Cleveland Avenues. Call 646-8629 for more information.

Falcon Heights receives Tree City honors

Falcon Heights received its sixth Tree City Award and fourth Tree City Growth Award from the national Arbor Day Foundation for the year 1994. In addition, two grants were received from Foster Wheeler Twin Cities, Inc. and the University of Minnesota. One grant was for a tree care workshop for residents and for the purchase of 80 boulevard trees. The other grant funds an educational program at Falcon Heights Elementary School.

COMO PARK

AARP to meet

The American Association of Retired Persons is set to meet Thurs., July 20, at 1 p.m., at Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Avenue. All seniors are welcome.

Annual cleanup

District 10's annual fall cleanup is scheduled for the month of September. Recycling bins have been distributed to several residents. If you would like to participate, call 644-3889.

La Leche meets

"The Art of Breastfeeding and Avoiding Difficulties" is the topic for the next meeting of the Como-Midway La Leche League on Tues., July 25, at 7 p.m. For meeting location and information, call 644-0302 or 489-6356.

LAUDERDALE

Marty and McGuire visit on July 11

Sen. John Marty and Rep. Mary Jo McGuire will attend the city council work session on Tuesday, July 11 at 7:30 p.m.. They plan to present an update of the past legislative session.

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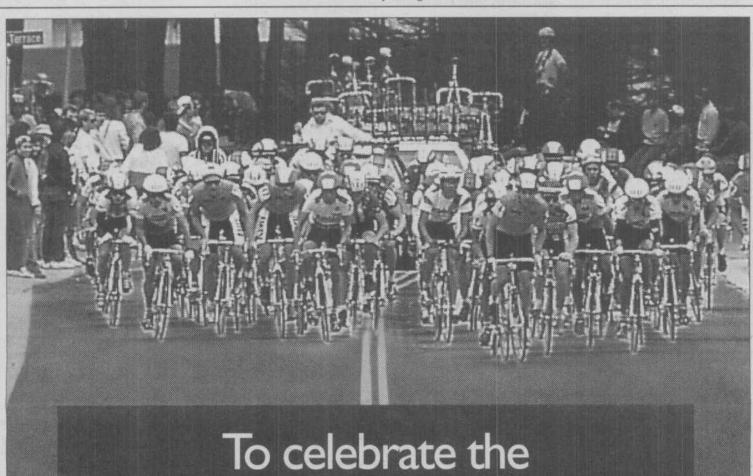
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To get things rolling, all Norwest Banks are having a kick-off party on Friday. July 28th. Complete with refreshments and such, it's a great way to gear up for the big event. Recycled bikes will be given away to local charities during various Neighborhood Appreciation Day events.

Subway Family Fun Ride, July 30, 11:45 am

Come down the morning of the race, get a Fun Ride t-shirt and take a lap on the actual Norwest Cup race course. You can pick up a registration form at any Norwest Bank Proceeds go to the Minnesota Head Injury Association.



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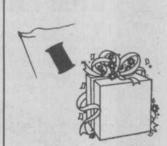
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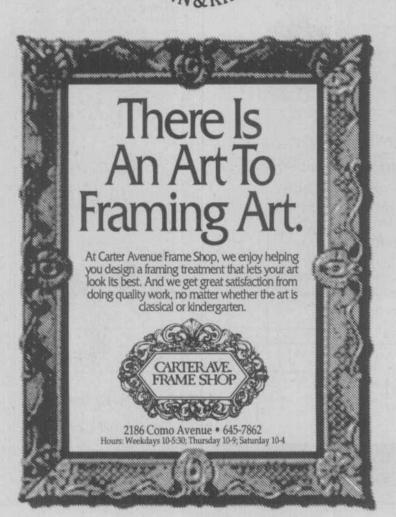


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Arts Calendar

Music

Dixieland music and old gospel tunes will be featured at Luther Seminary's HymnJam II on Thurs., July 13, at 7 p.m. Families and folks of all ages are invited to join musicians Mary Preus and Tom Witt in singing favorites from "The American Songbag." The sing-along will be held in the Chapel of the Incarnation, Olson Campus Center, at the corner of Hendon Avenue and Fulham Street in St. Anthony Park.

Visual Art

The Paul Whitney Larson Gallery at the University of Minnesota St. Paul Student Center's summer exhibit is titled "Eastern Expressions," featuring ink paintings and paper forms. Artists contributing work for the exhibit are Hyun-Kyoung Shin Hur and her students: Chong Hae Chung, Jae Soon Hwang, Young Don Joo, Hyun Ji Kang, Ki Sook Shin and Heekyung Youn. A reception for the exhibit is scheduled for Sat., July 8 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the gallery.

The Paul Whitney Larson Gallery, and scheduled events, are free and open to the public. The gallery is open Mon. through Fri., 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., during the summer. For additional information about the gallery or the upcoming exhibit, contact the Paul Whitney Larson Gallery at 625-0214.

The Northern Clay Center Faculty/Student Exhibition, featuring work by members of the Northern Clay Center faculty and their students, opens on Fri., July 14, at 6 p.m. The exhibit closes on Sept. 1.

An integral part of the program is the biennial faculty/student exhibition, for which NCC students of ceramics select work with guidance from their mentors and teachers. The 1995 faculty/student exhibition includes functional and sculptural work by faculty members who bring extensive experience and a wide range of artistic styles to the education program, and by students of all ages and skill levels.

Faculty members included in the exhibition are: Judy Altobell, Kevin Caufield, Heather Delisle, Leila Denecke, Teena Eldridge, Hugh Jacobson, Shirley Johnson, Nancy Holste, Peter Lupori, Robin Murphy, Donovan Palmquist, Robert Rickels, Al Clemente Saks, Lisa Stauffer, Johanna Steinrueck, Christy Wert, Josie Winship and Lucy Yogerst.

The center is located at 2375 University Avenue W., St. Paul. It is three blocks east of Highway 280 just north of Highway 94. Gallery hours are Mon. through Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Thur. to 8 p.m.

French artist **Delbosco** is exhibiting a selection of original oil paintings at the **Alliance Française** located at 821 Raymond Avenue, Suite 150. The exhibit runs through July 31.
Viewing hours are from noon to 5 p.m., Mon. through Fri. Private viewings can be arranged by calling the Alliance at 644-5769.

In 1992, the French Painters Association through the government Secretary for the Arts selected Delbosco to complete copyworks of all known Monet paintings.

"Divergent Paths/Woven Connections," an exhibit of fiber art, is on view at the University of Minnesota's Goldstein Gallery through Sept. 24.

The exhibit showcases the work of faculty from this summer's Second Annual Split Rock Arts Program Institute for Weavers, based on the St. Paul Campus, where each will lead a week-long course. Included are works by bead artist Virginia Blakelock, wearable arts designer Randall Darwall, Laura Foster-Nicholson and basketmaker Shereen LaPlantz.

- Meet the Artists: Sun., July 9.
 Visiting artists Virginia Blakelock and Randall Darwall will lecture at 2:30 p.m.
- Meet the Artists: Sun.,
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 La Plantz and Laura Foster-Nicholson will lecutre at
 2:30 p.m.

All lectures take place in Room 33 McNeal Hall, St. Paul Campus. The gallery is open before and after the lectures. The Goldstein Gallery is located on the second floor of McNeal Hall on the St. Paul Campus of the University of Minnesota. McNeal Hall is on Upper Buford Circle, adjacent to the St. Paul Student Center.

Museum hours: Mon.-Fri., 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m. to 8 p.m.; Sat, & Sun., 1:30 to 4:30 p.m.

Literature

Amazing Library Kids, the summer reading program, continues at the St. Anthony Park Library, 2245 Como Avenue, through the end of August. Children can participate by picking up a reading record chart at any library and there will be prize drawings for paperback books among those who have read at least 10 books at the end of the summer. All programs are free.

In July the children's programs at St. Anthony Park Library are:

Thurs., July 6, 2:30 p.m. & Fri., July 7, 10:30 a.m.: ARTS-US Young Storyteller

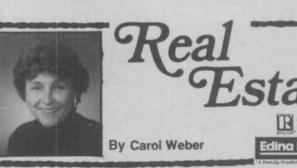
Thurs., July 13, 2:30 p.m. & Fri., July 14, 10:30 a.m.: Banjo Dancers

Thurs., July 20, 2:30 p.m. & Fri., July 21, 10:30 a.m.: Bill the Juggler

Thurs., July 27, 2:30 p.m.: Suzanne the Magician

Fri., July 28, 10:30 a.m.: P.T. Flamdazzle, magic





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Landscaping should be an extension of the interior of your home. From the street plantings should frame the house and enhance its architecture. Design the back yard for privacy and outdoor living.

Make a list of the activities your family enjoys outdoors. Consider children, pool, decks, patios, storage and work areas. Once you have a framework you can proceed. Look around the park for ideas. Study the colors, textures, shapes and sizes of different plantings. (It might be fun to have a neighborhood plant exchange as our gardens grow out of control!) Get help from professionals. They can create an overall landscaping

plan – that can be developed over several years. They have experience with not only planning, but costs, maintenance and care.

Landscaping and gardens can be a big investment, so choose the best quality you can afford. Perennials are initially more expensive but they can be the best buy in the years to come. Be sure you consider maintenance in your plans. Are your plantings sensitive to Minnesota winters, insects and bugs? Will they require extra care and attention?

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Community Calendar

JULY 2 Sun.

Ice Cream Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

3 Mon.

AA, St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 8 p.m. Call 647-9446 or 770-2646. Every Mon.

4 Tues.

St. Anthony Park Fourth of July celebration: pancake breakfast, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 8:30–10:30 a.m.; parade beginning at Como & Luther Place, 11:30 a.m.; all-day activities at Langford Park.

5 Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

Parent-child play group, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 10-noon. Call 646-6986. Every Wed.

Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Huntingdon Engineering, 662 Cromwell Ave., noon-1 p.m. Call Dave Bredenberg, 646-4061.

6 Thurs.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Physical Planning Committee, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m.

7 Fri.

Falcon Heights/ Lauderdale recycling day.

9 Sun.

Country Festival, Glbbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

10 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Park Press (Park Bugle) board of directors, Park-Bank, 7–7:55 a.m.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1–3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

11 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Fields, 649-4265.

Family gym night, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 890 Cromwell, 6:30–8 p.m. Every Tues.

St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como Park High School, 7:30–9 p.m. Call 642-1559 or 646-4158.

Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

12 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30-5:30 p.m.

Community reception for former Bugle editor Julie Lehr and new editor David Anger, Taste of Scandinavia, Milton Square, Como at Carter Avenues, 5–6 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Community Council, South St. Anthony Rec Center, 890 Cromwell, 7 p.m. Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

14 Fri

Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 11 a.m.- noon.

16 Sun.

Furniture Refinishing, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

18 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Fields, 649-4265.

District 10 Community Council, 7 p.m. Call 644-3889 for location.

St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como Park High School, 7:30–9 p.m. Call 642-1559 or 646-4158.

19 Wed.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m.

Midway Mid-day Toastmasters, Huntingdon Engineering, 662 Cromwell Ave., noon-1 p.m. Call Dave Bredenberg, 646-4061.

Langford Booster Club, Langford Park, 7:30 p.m.

20 Thurs.

Kid Vendors' Day, Langford Park, 1-3 p.m.

Midway-Highland Chapter 930, American Association of Retired Persons, Lyngblomsten Senior Center, 1415 Almond Ave., 1 p.m. Call 699-7457.

21 Fri.

Falcon Heights/ Lauderdale recycling day.

23 Sun.

Fashions through the Ages, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

Ice Cream Social, Twin City Linnea Home, 2040 Como Ave., 2:30–4:30 p.m.

24 Mon.

Como Park recycling day.

Falconeers Senior Club, Falcon Heights City Hall, 1–3:30 p.m. Call 488-3361 or 644-0055.

St. Anthony Park Block Nurse Program board of directors, St. Anthony Park Library, 7:30— 9:30 p.m.

25 Tues.

Toastmasters, Hewlett Packard, 2025 W. Larpenteur, 7:30 a.m. Call Greg Fields, 649-4265.

Como-Midway La Leche League, 7 p.m. Call Jeanne, 644-0302 or Faye, 489-6356, for location.

St. Anthony Park Community Band rehearsal, Como Park High School, 7:30–9 p.m. Call 642-1559 or 646-4158.

Lauderdale City Council, City Hall, 7:30 p.m.

26 Wed.

St. Anthony Park recycling day.

Leisure Center, St. Anthony Park United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Book discussion.

Bookmobile at Hamline & Hoyt, 12:30–5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Housing & Human Services Committee, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 890 Cromwell, 5:30 p.m.

St. Anthony Park Community Council Environment Committee, South St. Anthony Rec. Center, 7 p.m

Falcon Heights City Council, City Hall, 7 p.m.

27 Thurs.

Falcon Heights Ice Cream Social, Community Park, Cleveland at Roselawn, 6-8:30 p.m.

28 Fri.

Bookmobile at Seal Hi-Rise, 11 a.m.—noon.

29 Sat.

FareSHARE distribution and registration for August at Holy Childhood Church, 1435 Midway Pkwy., 9:30–11 a.m. Call 644-7495; or St. Anthony Park Lutheran Church, 2323 Como Ave., 8:30–10:30 a.m. Call 644-8833.

30 Sun.

Bread and Butter Day, Gibbs Farm Museum, Cleveland at Larpenteur, noon-4 p.m.

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Obituaries

Helen Dahlen

Helen Dahlen, former businesswoman in St. Anthony Park, died at 74 on June 14, 1995. She was a resident of Lilydale.

In 1949, Dahlen began working at Herbert B. Crommett Architecture in St. Anthony Park, where she was the office manager.

Dahlen is survived by her husband, M. Lee Dahlen of Lilydale; her daughter, Lynne Stacker of Mendota Heights; two grandchildren and two brothers.

David Eardley

David Edward Eardley, a lifelong resident of Como Park, died on May 27, 1995, at age 41 from brain cancer. He was a 1971 graduate of Murray High School.

Preceded in death by his father, Edward Eardley, he is survived by a son, Jon Eardley; a daughter, Michelle Eardley; a grandson, Richard Eardley; his mother, Dorothy Eardley; three sisters, Dianne Boemer, Debra Foster and Dana Boyd; and his former wife, Susan Eardley.

Effie Hogenson

Effie C. Hogenson died at age 89 on June 7, 1995. She was a resident of Como Park.

Hogenson was a home economics teacher and nutrition supervisor for the St. Paul Public Schools for nearly 30 years.

She was a member of the Hamline Chapter of the Order of Eastern Star.

Hogenson was preceded in death by her husband of 55 years, Raymond Hogenson; two brothers and five sisters. Survivors include nieces, nephews, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Marcellus Powers

Marcellus (Bee) Powers, a resident of St. Anthony Park Home, died on May 25, 1995, at the age of 74. He formerly lived in the Groveland area of St. Paul.

After serving in World War II, he came to St. Paul, where he met his future wife. They lived in Kentucky, then returned to St. Paul in 1950. He opened a tailor shop on Wabasha near the World Theater, making a living from the sewing skills he acquired in a POW camp.

Preceded in death by his wife, Athan Powers, he is survived by three daughters, Sue Gnetz, a secretary at Murray Junior High School, Linda Powers of Minneapolis, and Pamela Carlson of St. Paul; five grandchildren; three sisters; and four brothers.

Herman Preus

The Rev. Dr. Herman A. Preus, a teacher at Luther Seminary for nearly 40 years, died at his home in St. Anthony Park on May 17, 1995. He was 98.

Named after his grandfather, a

founder of the Lutheran Church in America, he grew up in Decorah, Iowa, where his father was president of Luther College.

Preus earned his bachelor's degree from Luther College in 1916, his law degree from the University of Minnesota in 1920, his theology degree from Luther Seminary in 1925 and his doctorate from the University of Edinburgh in Scotland in 1928.

He served as pastor of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Minneapolis until coming to the seminary in 1936.

After retirement from the seminary, he served as visitation pastor at University Lutheran Church of Hope, retiring at age 80 and publishing "A Theology to Live By: The Practical Luther for the Practicing Christian."

Preus is survived by his wife of 64 years, Florence Preus; two daughters, Mary Preus of Nigeria and Suzanne Dahl of San Antonio, Texas; a son, Samuel Preus of Bloomington, Ind.; six grandchildren; and two greatgrandchildren.

Jeffrey Rudd

The body of Jeffrey R. Rudd, who disappeared while skiing near Anchorage, Alaska, on Christmas Eve, was found on May 14, 1995. He was a former resident of Falcon Heights and was 37 years old.

He was preceded in death by his father, Robert Rudd. Survivors include his mother, Phyllis Rudd of Falcon Heights; his sister, Cindy Hillman of Lino Lakes; his brother, Gregory Rudd of Seattle; two nieces; and two uncles.

LaVerne Sherman

LaVerne E. Sherman of Lauderdale, 53, died on May 18, 1995, after a long illness with cancer.

Sherman was one of the first women to win the Silver Beaver Award from the Boy Scouts of America and was active in the Catholic Committee on Scouting.

She is survived by her husband, Dennis Sherman of Lauderdale; her sons, Daniel Sherman of Lauderdale and Dennis Sherman, Jr., of Hopkins; two grandchildren; her father, Edward Granlund of Cromwell, Minn.; three sisters; and two brothers.

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Summertime and the harpist is busy: Catherine Salovich Victorsen

By Barbara Claussen

Catherine Salovich Victorsen, a professional harpist who lives in Lauderdale, tells many stories about playing at weddings: some funny and some traumat-

"Once a bride told me her church was the big one on Summit Avenue," Victorsen recalled. "I said, 'Oh, I know the big church on Summit Avenue. When I drove to the wedding I realized that there were at least 10 churches on Summit Avenue. I finally went to a fire station and asked for help. They called around and found the church with the most cars parked outside. Now I get all the details written down ahead of time."

Victorsen has encountered difficulties ranging from a bumblebee harassing her at an outdoor wedding to a harp string breaking in the middle of the ceremony.

She also has experienced surprises: "I once performed at a very elegant wedding in an unfinished house-there were no walls, just the floor."

Other incidents are more dramatic. "I was playing for a wedding reception in a private home," said Victorsen. "The living room was beautifully aglow with candlelight. A man was videotaping my performance from two feet away. I heard a woman come up to him and

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whisper, 'You're on fire."

Victorsen's family has lived in Lauderdale for three generations. Her grandparents lived on Walnut Street and her parents and her two brothers presently live in the city.

At age 14, Victorsen was figure skating four hours a day, but a broken leg derailed that career. Her mother had signed up for five weeks of harp lessons, but with six kids found it difficult to practice. "Eventually she sent me to her lessons," said Victor-

"My mom and dad love music and it really came out," she said. "They provided instruments for us and music lessons." Victorsen also studied the piano and the flute.

Victorsen continued taking private flute lessons and went on to complete a bachelor of music

degree in harp performance from Boston University. In 1983 she received a master's degree in harp performance from the University of Minnesota.

After graduation she went to a harp conference in the British Isles. Upon arriving in Europe, Victorsen set her sights on an orchestral job. After two auditions. Victorsen was hired as the solo harpist with the Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra in Regensburg, a beautiful city on the Danube River.

"Understanding the language was a little tricky initially," she acknowledged. "The conductor used a Bavarian accent, which was very different from the high German I learned in school."

Victorsen said her seven years with the orchestra proved to be a great experience that helped her develop as a musician. "If

you make a mistake, you learn that mistakes are a part of life," she imparted. "Even the great musicians make mistakes."

In 1987 she married Reid Victorsen, an American artist. When the Berlin Wall fell in November of 1989, the couple

was amazed. Victorsen remembers walking home from the opera at 11:30 p.m. and noticing that everyone's lights were on. When she turned on the television at home, Chancellor Helmut Kohl was standing in front of the Brandenburger Tor in

After returning to the United States in 1991, Victorsen has performed for hundreds of events from fashion shows to Celtic festivals. She has played for the Irish prime minister.

Victorsen also composes harp music. Her most recent piece, "Rachel's Polka," was inspired by her 2-year-old daughter's dancing. Victorsen teaches harp at Northwestern College and Bethel College, as well as giving private lessons.

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